Indo-Amercian nuclear pact

†*76. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-American Nuclear Pact arrived at on 18th July, 2005 has not yet got the approval of American Senate;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether efforts to add fresh conditions to the agrements are being made; and

(d) the reasons for Government's acceptance of categorisation and inspection of military and civilian nuclear establishments alongwith the criteria therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) The India-US nuclear understanding on civilian nuclear energy cooperation was outlined in the Joint Statement of July 18,2005 that envisaged a series of steps including adjustment of US laws and policies to such cooperation. Different versions of bills in this regard have been introduced and approved by the US House and Senate Committees for foreign affairs on June 27 and June 29, 2006, respectively. Both Bills will have to be voted in full Houses and then, if necessary, a Conference set up for reconciliation of the two versions. After reconciliation, the reconciled version of the bills will be voted upon by the two Houses.

(c) The Bills are still at the consideration stage and it would be premature to comment on the provisions of the proposed legislation when it has yet to be finalized. It is the Government's position that the guiding principle for the resumption of civilian nuclear energy cooperation with the United States must remain the framework of the 18 July, 2005 Joint Statement and the Separation Plan.

(d) The 18 July Joint Statement envisaged identification and separation of our civilian and military nuclear facilities in a phased manner, filing a declaration regarding our civilian nuclear facilities with the IAEA, and placing voluntarily these civilian nuclear facilities under IAEA safeguards

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as a pe-requisite for international cooperation. The Government has finalized and placed before Parliament a Separation Plan that provides for the identification of civilian facilities and their being voluntarily placed under IAEA safeguards.

Action against National TV channels

†*77. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the so called National TV channels telecst obscene scenes repeatedly in the name of news in order to enhance Television Rating Programme (TRP);

(b) if so, whether in order to check it, Government would constitute any commission which can take stringent action against such TV channels; and

(c) the action taken by the Press Council of India against these channels during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) The Government is aware of the fact that some of the National TV channels do telecast obscene scenes in the name of news.

(b) The Central Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee under Section 20 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 to look into the violation of the Programme Code and Advertising Code. The Committee either *suo-motu* or on receipt of complaint, examines cases of violation of the Code. Show cause notices are issued in the first instance to TV channels for telecasting objectionable programme/advertisements in violation of the Codes. Futher actienis is taken as per rules. Government is considering a comprehensive legislation including the issue of content regulation after having due consultation with the stakeholders.

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